

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN TANGIPAHOA PARISH GOVERNMENT AND ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHING THE MANCHAC GREENWAY COMMISSION

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Manchac Greenway Commission ("Commission") is to promote and facilitate coordinated direction and guidance in the planning, development, and maintenance of the Manchac Greenway ("Greenway") to be located along US Hwy 51 from Ponchatoula to Laplace through St. John the Baptist and Tangipahoa Parishes of Louisiana. ("Parishes")

2. Benefits of a greenway system

This Greenway system, is intended to enhance the quality of life for the citizens in the River and Florida Parishes and to:

- a) Provide safe and efficient alternative transportation linkages among recreational sites, open spaces, residential areas, employment centers, culture facilities and other activity centers;
- b) Encourage citizen wellness and maintain environments which promote opportunities for recreation activities;
- c) Protect environmental assets and retain beneficial ecological habitats;
- d) Maintain a contiguous forest ecosystem to reduce community wide environmental problems such as excessive storm water runoff, air quality degradation, water pollution, and climate change;
- e) Promote an appreciation for the Manchac Isthmus's natural, historical and culture resources and its former and current inhabitants;
- f) Protect and link significant remnants of the community's undeveloped open spaces, woodlands and wetlands; and
- g) Enhance the Greenway's appearance to encourage tourism, promote economic development, and improve the living environment for residents.

3. Effective date, establishment of Commission and parties to the agreement

To be determined (December 27, 2016)

4. Responsibilities and duties

The Commission shall have the following responsibilities and duties:

- a) To collaborate with Friends of Manchac Greenway, Inc. the non-profit organization established for the Greenway.
- b) To study the needs of the Greenway and desires of the Parishes citizens. To encourage a coordinated planning effort between parishes and develop a Comprehensive plan for the Greenway;
- c) To advise, inform and make recommendations to the council relative to desirable federal, state and local legislation concerning greenway programs and related activities;
- d) To investigate, recommend, and help solicit funding, grants, and/or donations of land, property or services from the State of Louisiana, the United States of America,

their agencies, private citizens, corporations, institutions and others to promote, construct or maintain the Greenway.

- e) To study and recommend uniform standards for the design and construction of the Greenway, including sign standards to implement throughout the Greenway;
- f) To actively pursue and promote public/private partnerships, work closely with the Land Trust of Louisiana and similar nonprofit organizations, and facilitate cooperation among the Parish governments in developing, constructing, and maintaining a system of linkages to the greenway throughout the Parishes.
- g) To coordinate the efforts of the federal, state and local jurisdictions in the Lake Ponchartrain basin to create a system of greenways and trails that satisfy the needs of all residents of the basin, including those with special needs;
- h) To assist with developing plans and timelines for projects with defining roles and responsibilities for each entity; and
- i) To coordinate with the Friends of Manchac Greenway, Inc. in the use of volunteers to assist with the construction sector funding for the Greenway development.

5. Membership

- a) The eleven commissioners shall be appointed as follows;
 - 1. The councilman for district 9 and 10 in Tangipahoa Parish;
 - 2. The councilman for district 5 and the council at large B in St. John the Baptist parish;
 - 3. Two staff members from each Parish administration, appointed by the parish presidents;
 - 4. The president of the Friends of Manchac Greenway, Inc., and;
 - 5. Two members of the Friends of the Manchac Greenway appointed by Friends of the Manchac Greenway, Inc.
- b) A vacancy shall be filled by the authority making the original appointment.
- c) The members of the Commission shall serve without compensation.

6. Meetings

- a) The Commission shall hold regular meetings at least once per quarter each calendar year. All meetings and hearings of the Commission shall be open to the public, except closed meetings may be held pursuant to the provisions of the Louisiana Freedom of Information Act. Reasonable notice of the time and place of all regular and special meetings shall be given to the public. Meetings shall be called by the chair or upon request of a majority of the members.
- b) The Commission shall adopt bylaws necessary to conduct the affairs of the Commission.

7. Operating revenue

- a) The perpetual fiscal agent for the Commission shall be Friends of Manchac Greenway, Inc.
- b) Funding for the Commission shall be administrated through Friends of Manchac Greenway, Inc.
- c) Operating revenue for the Commission shall be funded by Parishes on an equal per capita basis as determined by the most recent U.S. Census.
- d) Annual funding request shall be made to the parish governments by February 1 of each year.

- e) The Commission shall be authorized to apply for and receive grants and donations for use in support of the Greenway, which will be administered by Friends of Manchac Greenway, Inc.

8. Administration

- a) An annual report shall be prepared and submitted to the governing body of each Parish each calendar year.
- b) The Commission may establish any committees necessary to fulfill the responsibilities and duties of the Commission.

9. Duration

- a) This Agreement shall remain in force until terminated or modified by action of the council of the Parishes.
- b) A participating Parish may withdraw from this Agreement by adoption of an appropriate ordinance.

10. Amendments

This Agreement may be amended only by approval of the council of each Parish.

11. Liability

To the extent permitted by law, the participation localities agree to indemnify, keep and hold the members of the Commission and its staff free and harmless from any liability on account of any injury or damage of any type to any person or property growing out of performance of the duties and responsibilities imposed by this Agreement. In the event of any suit or proceeding brought against members of the Commission or its staff, the participating Parishes shall pay reasonable costs of defense. Any costs of the participating Parishes under this section shall be shared on a per capita basis as determined by the most recent population estimates determined by the most recent population estimates of the U.S. Census.

This intergovernmental agreement has been approved by the Parish Council and is therefore enacted as of December 27, 2016.


Tangipahoa Parish President, Robby Miller


St. John the Baptist Parish President, Natalie Robottom



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December 28th, 2016

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Dear Mrs. Robottom:

Please be advised of the following motion, which the St. John the Baptist Parish Council adopted at a meeting held on Tuesday, December 27th, 2016.

District I

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"Councilman Wright moved and Councilwoman Pannu seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to execute an intergovernmental agreement with Tangipahoa Parish Government establishing the Manchac Greenway Commission. The motion passed with Councilman Perrilloux absent."

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CERTIFICATION

District III

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I, Jackie Landeche, Secretary of the St. John the Baptist Parish Council do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a motion adopted by said body on the 27th day of December, 2016.

District IV

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December 28th, 2016,

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St. John the Baptist Parish Council

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